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Word From Our Sr. Warden, Augusta Paye



Augusta Paye

Firstly I want to thank everyone for the loving support of my mother and our family over these last months. It has been a struggle for us but we praise God for the prayers offered and all the kind visits to the hospital by our St Andrews congregation and friends. Joyce is now gracefully resting off life support in the Golden Valley Rehab and Care facility.

The summertime has traditionally been for us at St Andrews Church an opportunity to relax and enjoy vacations and family life. Last year we gathered in late summer to have a BBQ and listen to all the news and let the children play together. Our Vestry is planning another Family Day in late August this year and have more games with swimming available for our children as a run up to fall Sunday School and Youth Outreaches. We will need help with food donations and the date and plans will be in next month's Spirit newsletter. What a great opportunity to invite old friends of St Andrews to enjoy fellowship together like old times!

The Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota will be here at St Andrew's Church on Sunday, September 20 for confirmation. It will be his last visit here among us as next January the Bishop will retire. At the Convention this October a new Bishop will be elected. Our delegates to this important convention are Otis Gardiner, Paul George, Emmanuel Wilson, Elijah Combay. Please let Charlotte know if you need to be received or confirmed into the Episcopal Church or if your children need to be confirmed.

Our International Sunday has been a banner event for these last five years and this year will be no exception. We are adding a soccer tournament to the festivities this year and inviting other churches to take on our mighty men of St Andrews on the field. They don't stand a chance, of course. The committee is planning the details and looking for helpers so see Emmanuel Wilson and Doug Brewer to get into the swing of a great International Sunday again this fall.

This summer we are beginning our second season of the Five Year Plan that our congregation inaugurated last spring at the Annual Meeting. Our goals are being achieved slowly as we have maintained our stewardship

pledges faithfully so we are not threatened by closure or distressed status. If we can continue on building up membership this next fall and winter, we shall be standing strong and be a leader in this diocese. The Lord has blessed us mightily with two wonderful Priests and a well kept and attractive building to offer newcomers. Also we have made positive changes in our target areas for growth: Communication and Caring, Welcome Process, Outreach, and Worship.

Much has been done thus far, and still more needs to be accomplished but we are on a positive and hopeful track into the future at St Andrews Episcopal Church. Our Pastoral Support Groups (PSG) have been formed and later this summer Fr Roger and Fr Ed will begin meeting with them for training purposes. The PSG groups have done a wonderful job praying for us all in the Prayer Chain process thus far. Just a reminder if you have any prayer needs (who doesn't), please contact your PSG leader to support you. These groups are what has been breathing Holy Spirit life into our congregation over the summer. I really Praise the Living God for their devotion and hopefulness for us at St Andrews.

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Schedule of Lay Ministers

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 OT: M. Young NT: A. Okpara POP: Ann Heath	6	7	8 Beginning of Episcopal Ch. Convention in Anaheim, CA	9	10	11 Fr. Ed Son's Wedding
12 OT: A. Cooke NT: T. Nwonye POP: E. Wilson	13	14	15	16	17	18 Wedding of Hydya & James
19 OT: T. Woods-Caine NT: Irene Gibson POP: K. Rennie	20	21	22	23	24	25 Freedom-Works Street Celebration
26 OT: T. Togba NT: C. Rennie POP: O. Gardiner	27	28	29	30	31	1

Altar Flowers & Wine	Prayers	
<p><i>Flowers Are Given By:</i> Emmanuel & Mardea Chenoweth to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son Tenezee. And by Cindy Miller in memory of Ray Jarvis.</p> <p><i>Wine Is Given By:</i> Jestina Gardiner to the glory of God for her husband Otis Gardiner's birthday. And by Theresa Woods-Caine in thanksgiving for the birthday of her husband Johantz Caine.</p>	<p><i>Laura Prowd, Ralph Heath, Alfred Andrews, Lucy Sherman, Ian Macheel, Merle Munson, Marsha Hultstrand, Joyce H. Jallah and Theodosia Toomey.</i></p> <p><i>Susannah Hall, Richard Berg, and Beatrice Tolbert.</i></p>	

Notes From Fr. Roger For July Newsletter



Fr. Roger

the last three weeks. I could feel the presence of God all along my way and considering how splendidly it all went, it is a wonderful testimony to the power of prayer and the seriousness that we take our faith here at St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Over the last three weeks God's story of redemption has guided my personal story in Africa. In this sense I was doing mission as I was focused in a purposeful way to be a follower of Jesus during that time. My mission journey was in Africa, but it might have been in Wisconsin or to Fargo. For awhile now I knew that He wanted me for something, but was not sure exactly what. Then one day a Christian friend of mine called to invite me to learn about an organization that sends agricultural tools to developing nations. Before I knew it, they asked me to help them in several African countries where I have been doing mission over that last 25 years.

About the same time another Christian friend who does counseling to drug and alcohol addicts in Minneapolis asked me to encourage a group interested in starting up a Teen Challenge ministry in Liberia. It specifically would be designed to address post war ex combatants who have addictions as a result of their war experiences. Although I was familiar with Teen Challenge locally here in Minneapolis, I had no idea there was such a thing as "Global Teen Challenge", but I discovered that this ministry is in 50 countries, many of them which are developing nations. (You might check out the web site.)

Then some friends in the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International asked me to come to Africa to help them plan for conventions in two nations this November. By now I was getting the message that the Lord was calling me for a mission. That is, to put aside my own interests and let Him minister through my life to others, in this case in Africa. In this way God

Firstly, I want to say thanks to everyone for prayers while I was on a mission to Africa

knits together His love story, one person at a time down through history.

My flight landed in Liberia after a long 20 hours en route through Belgium. I was exhausted. Pluto Togba met me at the airport in a downpour as it is rainy season there now. His family generously hosted me while preparing for his wedding ceremony. It was a splendid affair with hundreds of happy people laughing and dancing, a well orchestrated reception with huge platefuls of food and drinks. Even though the rain at times was torrential, the party continued past midnight.

The next ten days was a flurry of activity. I made contact with the Teen Challenge steering committee for Liberia and met with them several times adding my perspective and contacts to help them plan for a roll out of the ministry later in the year. My Full Gospel Business Men organized a meeting with the Vice President of Liberia to discuss several development ideas. He set up meetings with several women's agricultural co-op groups and started the ball rolling to finance equipment for grass roots post harvest technology throughout the country. We made tentative plans how best to assemble these tools and distribute them regionally. I was fortunate enough to get time to meet with the new Bishop of the Liberia Episcopal Church and get permission to preach in two churches in his diocese. Then I traveled to Cuttington College way up north in Bong County to open a new chapter of Full Gospel Business Men and stopped along the way to meet Emmanuel Chenoweth's wife who is a Circuit Judge in Kakata town. Both Sundays there in Liberia were for me real highlights as I preached (St Augustine, Garnersville and St Stephen's, Sinkor) and was well received in Spirit filled times that I will not ever forget.

Then I flew to Uganda to stay with an old Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship friend and his family for three days. He is a business man with a big heart who started two Christian schools for orphans and teaches them farming. As he is widely regarded as an evangelist throughout the nation, he knows many people who could benefit from agricultural tools designed for farmers at the grass roots level. I was

asked to preach to his Wednesday evening "prayer and praise" service and encourage them for their upcoming mission crusade to the islands in Lake Victoria.

The last leg of my mission was to Rwanda where I had served as an Appointed Missionary of the Episcopal Church with Trisha years ago. I met with Full Gospel Business Men contacts and made plans for the upcoming Regional Convention in November as well as discussed options for the advancement of agricultural post harvest technology in the new five nation East African Economic Community. On my return I stopped for two days at the International Convention of the Full Gospel Business Men in Florida where I met Todd Anderson and other Christian Business Men from 50 nations. But the great final blessing for me was to be able to visit my ailing father and step mom before arriving in Minneapolis on Independence Day.

My three week mission was power packed and successful because of your faith and prayers. As Christians we are not Lone Rangers, but minister together in the power of the Holy Spirit. St Paul talks about it best in his first letter to the Corinthians in chapters twelve to fourteen. We are members of the living body of a crucified yet risen Jesus who need each other to be successful in His mission. St Andrew's Church is special as many of us know the reality of life where God's love is absent or suppressed, where hate and violence rules. Therefore we believers have a special mission responsibility to the nations (Matt 28:19).

As Christians at St Andrew's Episcopal Church we follow a risen Lord Jesus who was himself sent with a mission to redeem sinners and offer the miraculous hope of a Spirit filled, joyful life that never ends. It is a mission story worth telling, and one worth living daily.

Thanks, once again, for all your prayers.

Fr R

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**Note From Your
Coordinator, Charlotte**

Church School—we are ever so thankful for the response of the current church school teachers who have volunteered to teach for the coming year. With our church school expanding (PRAISE GOD) we are seeking several more teachers who can work as a team—please pray about this—It is a rewarding experience—we have a curriculum available, tapes, videos etc. What we need is your commitment. Please see Jackie Cooke if you can help us.

ALPHA Wednesday Nights

The last seven weeks at our Rectory next door to St Andrews Church the Alpha program has been meeting for fellowship, great food, and discussion about Jesus Christ. It starts at 6:15 each Wednesday evening with a dinner and enjoyable conversation and you are invited. Cost is free.

The program is a way to learn about Jesus in your personal life experience with people who have lots to share. Video segments that are shown to the group are about every topic in the Church life. Questions are encouraged

and participants are able to start at the grass roots for new learning experience without feeling awkward. After dinner a free and spirited discussion is facilitated by trained leaders.

The Alpha program was designed specifically for Anglicans by a fast growing congregation in London, England. We can learn a lot by using this program to develop our Christian outreach and ministry to the community. See Fr Roger for details. Why not let the Lord lead you into this exciting program?